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DEPARTMENT OF
WATER RESOURCES

May 28, 2004

Karl J. Dreyer, Director
Department of Water Resources
1301 North Orchard Street
Boise, Idaho 83706

Re: Beaver Dams in Antelope Creek Drainage

Mr. Dreyer:

Beaver dams in the Antelope Creek Drainage located in Water District #34 in Butte and Custer counties are creating a crisis situation for irrigators. Several dams are located on properties owned by persons who are absentee land owners and/or land owners who refuse to remove or allow the removal of the dams. The junior and senior water rights of virtually every landowner are affected by these uncontrolled obstructions.

As you are well aware, as the water level drops the tighter and higher the dams become. Senior rights are called for earlier than would be necessary depriving owners of junior rights the water that could have been used had the dams been removed.

This is not only critical to Antelope water users, but as Antelope is a tributary to the Big Lost River, it is depriving those persons of their water also.

The analysis that, if the dams remain, there will be water for a longer period of time is absolutely unacceptable. We attempt to make a crop May through August, the water is needed now.

We respectfully request you address this issue with the utmost urgency.

Sincerely

cc: Governor Dirk Kempthorne
Fish & Game Director Steve Huffaker

Randy McHaffee
Bob Crump
Pamela Kelly
Preston Bell
M. J. Dozenrood
(for A. M. Bradford)
Steve Huffaker
WAH Wulke

Randy McAfee	34-00069	05/30/1883	Antelope Creek
	34-00070	05/15/1908	Antelope Creek
	34-00071	05/22/1911	Antelope Creek
	34-00184B	09/30/1879	Antelope Creek
	34-00661C	05/01/1904	Antelope Creek
	34-00903	05/15/1904	Antelope Creek
Bob Crump	34-00660B	05/01/1880	Antelope Creek
	34-00665	05/01/1907	Antelope Creek
	34-00865A	09/30/1879	Antelope Creek
	34-10937	05/15/1902	Antelope Creek
Marc & Pam Kelly	34-00574	06/01/1888	Antelope Creek
Preston Bell	34-00413B	05/15/1891	Antelope Creek
	34-00657B	05/15/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-00661D	05/01/1904	Antelope Creek
A M Bradford	34-00116A	05/01/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-10763	10/15/1893	Antelope Creek
	34-10765	11/15/1883	Antelope Creek
	34-10767	05/01/1880	Antelope Creek
	34-00111	05/01/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-00112	05/01/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-00113	05/01/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-00266	07/01/1907	Antelope Creek
	34-00657A	05/15/1905	Antelope Creek
	34-00658	09/01/1913	Antelope Creek
	34-10496	09/30/1879	Antelope Creek
Seth Beal	34-00062A	07/31/1884	Big Lost River
	34-00504A	06/30/1891	Big Lost River
	34-00505	07/15/1884	Big Lost River
Young Harvey Walker	34-00003B	06/01/1887	Big Lost River
	34-00793	05/01/1887	Big Lost River
	34-02266A	10/28/1942	Big Lost River
	34-02266B	10/28/1942	Big Lost River
	34-02491D	05/08/1944	Big Lost River
	34-10476	05/01/1885	Big Lost River
	34-10478	05/01/1892	Big Lost River
	34-10479	10/02/1885	Big Lost River